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Canker in Basmati Rice

3585. SHRI JEEVAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether canker in basmati rice has affected the export;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to eradicate canker in basmati rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). There is no disease in Basmati Rice known as Canker disease and as such there is no question of export trade being affected by the said disease.

Foreign Visits by External Affairs Minister and Foreign Secretaries

3586. SHRI CHANDRESH PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign visits made by him, the Foreign Secretary and other Secretaries in the Ministry during the period from July 1 to November 15, 1991;

(b) the outcome of each such visit; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement I, II, III and IV

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT I

Details of Visits of Minister of External Affairs Abroad (1.7.1991 to 15.11.1991)

S.No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*		
1.	Maldives	3.7.91	-	4.7.91
2.	Mauritius	9.8.91	-	11.8.91
3.	Singapore	12.8.91		
4.	Ghana	2.9.91	-	7.9.91
5.	Kenya	9.9.91	-	10.9.91
6.	Germany	18.9.91	-	20.9.91
7.	U.K.	20.9.91	-	23.9.91
8.	New York (UN)	23.9.91	-	29.9.91
9.	Canada	30.9.91	-	3.10.91

S.No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*
10.	Zimbabwe	15.10.91 - 22.10.91
11.	France	23.10.91 - 25.10.91
12.	Iran	9.11.91 - 12.11.91
13.	USSR	11.91 - 18.11.91

STATEMENT -II

Details of Visits of Foreign Secretary Abroad (1.7.1991 to 15.11.1991)

S.No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*
1.	Maldives	30.6.91 - 4.7.91
2.	Nepal	3.8.91 - 5.8.91
3.	Germany	5.9.91 - 7.9.91
4.	New York (UN)	23.9.91 - 30.9.91
5.	Nepal	8.10.91 - 10.10.91
6.	Pakistan	29.10.91 - 1.11.91
7.	USSR	14.11.91 - 18.11.91

STATEMENT - III

Details of Visits of Secretary (East) Abroad (1.7.91 to 15.11.91)

S. No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*
1.	Mongolia	7.7.91 - 12.7.91
2.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	19.7.91 - 23.7.91
3.	Mauritius	7.8.91 - 13.8.91
4.	Thailand	27.8.91 - 31.8.91
5.	New York	19.9.91 - 22.9.91

S. No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*
6.	Paris	20.10.91 - 25.10.91

STATEMENT - IV

Details of Visits of Secretary (West) Abroad (1.7.91 to 15.11.91)

S.No.	*Country visited*	*Dates of visit*
1.	Pakistan	26.10.91 - 29.10.91
2.	Iran	9.11.91 - 12.11.91

Indira Gandhi Canal Project

3587. SHRI SHIV CHARAN MATHUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi Canal Project in Rajasthan was scheduled to be completed in all respects by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount required for completion of the same; and

(c) the various sources from which funds are likely to be made available for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). As per the Project Report of 1984, the Indira Gandhi Nahar Project was proposed to be completed by 1994-95. Stage-I of the project has been completed. However, due to various reasons like escalation, change in scope of project with the decision to line the water-courses, slow pace of colonisation due to lack of infrastructure works necessitating inclusion of roads, markets, drinking water supply and afforestation as a part of project activities, the State Government have now assessed that the completion of the Stage-II project, subject to availability of funds, will extend to the Tenth Plan. They have, however, not finalised the revised estimate with updated cost of balance canal works and cost of lined water course.

(c) The project, which is being executed under the State Plan, has been receiving Central assistance for canal works and water courses. During the period 1985-1991, the following Central assistance was extended to the project:-

	During VII Plan	*1990-91 (Rs.Crores)*
- For water courses under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Command Area Development	45.60	19.99
- For Canal works		